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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Okawa et al :
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Application No. :
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Filed: April 6, 2001 :
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Date: April 9, 2001 :
For: ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND :
METHOD FOR PROCESSING DIGITAL: :
SERIAL DATA AT BUS :
INITIALIZATION PHASE IN :
INTERFACE UNIT :
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYLLIS KELLY

Sir:

I, PHYLLIS KELLY, declare as follows:

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2. On April 9, 2001, and in accordance with my normal practice, at approximately 9:15 a.m., I reviewed the Express Mail labels for all documents hand-carried to the Westfield Post Office for delivery to the PTO on Friday, April 6, 2001. I determined that the postal clerk had entered the wrong "date-in" on one of the labels. The label is identified as Express Mail Label No. EL756209292US.

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4. On April 9, 2001, I contacted Shawn Boyle, the Supervisor of Customer Service at the Westfield Post Office. I was advised by Mr. Boyle that the last scheduled pickup of "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on business days is 6:00 p.m. Mr. Boyle also confirmed that on April 6, 2001, the last scheduled pickup was 6:00 p.m.

5. These statements are being made within one business day after the occurrence.

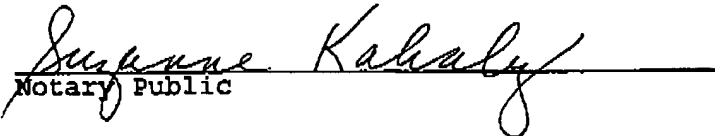
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Date


PHYLLIS KELLY

STATE OF New Jersey :
: ss:
COUNTY OF Union :

On this 9th day of April, 2001, before me personally came the above-named Phyllis Kelly to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged to me that the same was executed by her of her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.


Notary Public

SUZANNE KAHALY
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My Commission Expires January 31, 2005

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